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## SJSU comeback falls short



Sophomore wide receiver Noel Grigsby lets a would-be touch-down catch slip through his hands during Saturday's 17-14 loss to the Nevada Wolf Pack at Spartan Stadium. Grigsby, who leads

the team this season with 16 catches for 141 yards through the first three games, recorded three catches for 23 yards in the defeat.

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## Legislators propose ban on executive pay raises

by Brittany Patterson

Staff Writer

Two bills presented to the California state Legislature are aimed toward addressing executive compensation and transparency within the California State University system.

In August, state Senator Leland Yee, a Democrat from San Francisco, introduced Senate Bill 27x1 which would prohibit pay raises for top administrators during bad budget years, according to an Aug. 18 press release from his office.

"Student are being priced out of the UC and CSU," said Yee's chief of staff Adam Keigwin. "Many of our top talent are leaving the state. We invested in them through K-12 education and oftentimes they never come back."

Keigwin said the senate failed to grant SB 27x1 a hearing and the issue is dead for the year.

The bill was originally introduced in 2009 and passed the legislature, but was vetoed by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The reintroduction in August was responding to the July meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees, in which they voted to both raise fall tuition by 12 percent and award Elliot Hirshman, the new president of San Diego State University, a \$400,000 salary — \$100,000 more than the previous president, according to Keigwin.

According to Elizabeth Chapin, CSU public affairs assistant, SDSU believed that Hirshman would be a good match for the university and wanted to provide him with an incentive.

Stephen Weber, the previous SDSU president, earned a salary of \$299,435, according to documents provided by the Chancellor's Office.

Of Hirshman's \$400,000 salary, \$50,000 of that is supplemented by foundation money, according to Chapin.

"None of our presidents have received raises probably since 2006 or 2007, ever since the budget crisis started in California," she said.

Transparency surrounding foundation and auxiliary money is the

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## Bill may permit college aid for illegal immigrants

Proponents celebrate near victory; opponents fear 'political' disaster

by Peter Fournier

Staff Writer

It's another step forward for many college-bound California immigrants, as the second part of the DREAM Act, Assembly Bill 131, was sent to the Gov. Jerry Brown's desk for a signature on

Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The bill allows immigrants without documents to be eligible for financial aid starting Jan. 1, 2013, if the governor signs it into law.

The first part of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, AB 130, was signed by Brown on July 25.

It allows undocumented immigrants who attended high school for three or more years, or earned a high school diploma, to pay in-state tuition in the California State University

system and at all California community colleges.

Marcos Pizarro, Mexican-American studies director at SJSU, said he is very happy the second part passed.

"I think it's exciting and necessary," he said. "I've worked with and had a number of AB 540 (which allowed undocumented immigrants to attend and graduate high school) students in my classes, and I'm always amazed by their stories."

Herlinda Aguirre, a senior art history major, is the daughter of

immigrants, and is glad to see the bill pass.

"I think it's amazing that it passed," she said. "I believe that every student has a right to an education."

Aguirre also said it's a great opportunity for AB 540 students.

"I think it's a great opportunity for them," she said. "I do know a lot of AB 540 students who have struggled with paying for school. It's a good thing that it happened."

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## Financial assistance troubles plague returning students

Long lines, delayed payments create major headaches for recipients

by Cynthia Ly

Staff Writer

A lack of state funding and restrictions on financial aid has left some students in danger of more than dropped

courses.

"My need for (financial aid) this year had gone up," said senior English major Amirissa Mina.

When she went to the financial aid office in April, Mina said the staff told her that her FAFSA had not been processed, even though she had submitted it on time.

"I never received a message about it," she said.

If the campus' financial aid office

had not told her, Mina said she would have been forced to drop her fall courses and delay her expected graduation date of this coming December.

Because Cal Grants are limited to a student's first four years (this is the beginning of her fifth), Mina no longer qualified for it and took out a loan for the first time to help cover necessary expenses.

About 45 percent of financial aid money is disbursed in loans to un-

dergraduates and the rest are grants, scholarships, tax credits and deductions, according to College Board, a nonprofit organization that provides information and scholarships for higher education.

"I depend heavily on financial aid," said senior nursing major Vandy Loth.

According to the CSU website, 64 percent of full-time undergraduates applied for financial aid in the 2010-11 academic year.

Loth said she receives about \$8,000 in grants and participates in work-study, but is still waiting to receive scholarship money.

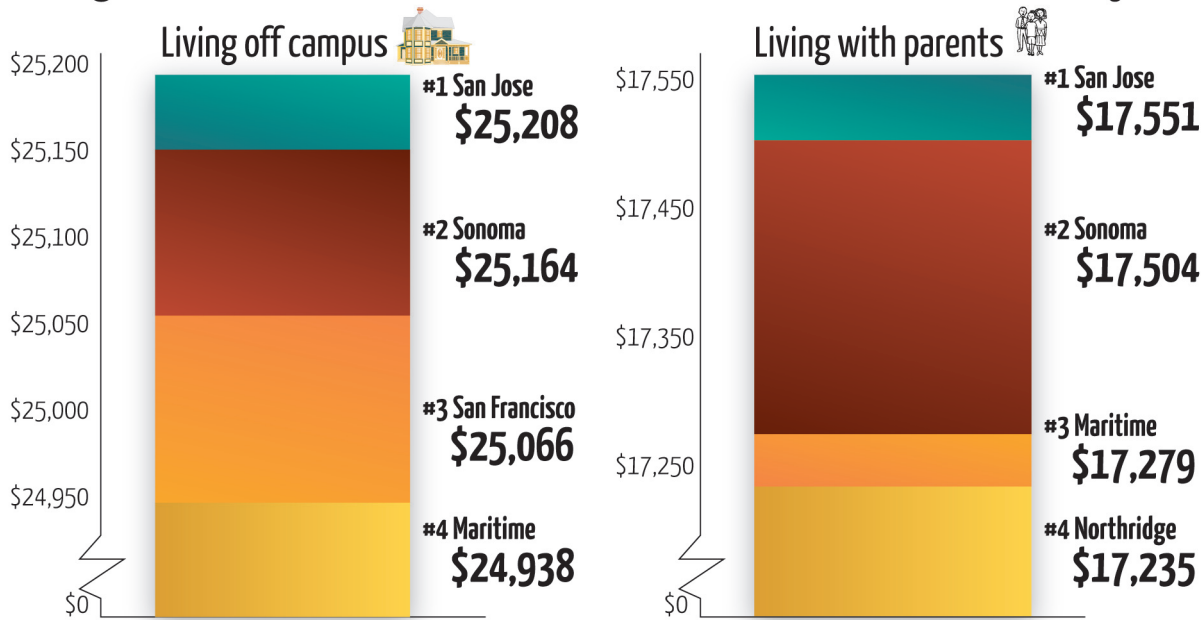
From 1998 to 2008, enrollment increased 26.5 percent while financial aid recipients increased 47 percent, according to the CSU's 2010 Annual Report on Student Financial Aid Programs.

Patrick Roteman, a sophomore software engineering major, said the campus' financial aid staff has been helpful and they should be given more funds to help make the services be less time consuming and stressful for students.

"The real problem, it seems, in the financial aid and scholarship office is that there are simply not enough employees there," he said. "The lines go out the door regularly, with one- or

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### Ranking for CSU Estimated cost of attendance for 2011-2012 school year



Source: The California State University 2011-2012 Standard Student Expense Budget

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### CORRECTION

In the Sept. 14 edition of the Spartan Daily, Ana Marie Todd was referred to as "chair of Sustainability at SJSU." Her proper title is chair of the board of sustainability. The Spartan Daily regrets the error.



# Unraveling the secret resources of King Library

by Aliza Saeed

Staff Writer

The King Library offers many tools to students on site and online to meet their academic needs.

“We have over 300 electronic databases and these provide access to things like newspapers, magazines, conference proceedings and business and industry reports,” said Crystal Goldman, academic services librarian at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Students with jobs can use online resources that can help them finish their degrees without physically being on campus.

“We have distance programs that are entirely online, which help students with busy schedules find sources such as electronic books and databases because many students are really busy these days,” Goldman said. “The library isn’t always open for students that have full-time jobs and a hectic schedule.”

The King Library makes researching through the databases and finding e-books simple for students.

“When it comes to library resources, we have electronic books that are available through our online catalog and it’s really simple to use,” said Goldman.

Studying at the King Library is made disturbance-free by having study rooms available to check out by students, keeping the sixth, seventh and eighth floors as quiet areas and extended library hours only for SJSU students with a Tower Card.

According to the King Library website, the public has to leave by 9 p.m. but students can stay until midnight, Sunday through Thursday.

“Apart from quiet floors, we have 36 group study rooms in the library that can be checked out for private group meetings or individual seclusion for the purpose of studying,” Goldman said.

Aside from checking out DVDs, CDs, audio books and books, students can also check out available electronic devices at the library such as iPads and laptops.

Goldman said students have well over a hundred computers throughout the library but they can also check out laptops or iPads, which are relatively new.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LIBRARY STATISTICS

- **4,364,299**  
articles downloaded on the digital database in the 2010-2011 school year
- **1,317,320**  
books in the library collection
- **479,178**  
e-books downloaded during the 2010-2011 school year
- **159,274**  
books checked out during the 2010-2011 school year
- **87,754**  
e-books available for SJSU students and the San Jose community to download instantly on the Library website

Information provided by SJSU associate librarian Susan Kendall

“The iPads started over a month ago and they are surprisingly populating,” she said.

“One of the things I noticed is that it is a lot easier to use iPads rather than a laptop for reading material for students and it’s a new trend to our students into using new technology,” said Sue Kendall, an associate librarian at the King Library.

Another convenience the King Library has recently made is wireless printing from personal laptops.

“We make an effort to bring in new things, improving new services and it’s always an on going effort to improving the library for students,” Goldman said.

Goldman said students either don’t know about these resources because of their majors or because they were not told about the user-friendly aspects of the online tools.

“I didn’t know we had an online database but even if I knew we did, I probably wouldn’t use it because I find most of my information online unless the topic is from an article or a book that the teacher gives,” said freshman biology major Sadiqa Ehsa.

“None of my teachers told me about it yet either but maybe if they did I would use it if it was simple enough to use,” she said.

The first floor features a special section called the Brandenburg Browsing Collection, with favored CDs, TV shows, DVDs, “New York Times Best Sellers”

books and audio books for check out.

According to Kendall, there are about 5,300 government publications online and some in paper located at the King Library.

“The government publications are located in our lower level and it is anything that the government produces such as statistical abstracts, studies of the economy,” Kendall said. “It tries to be unbiased as possible and it’s all accurate information.”

“Honestly, I don’t really check out any books because I already have so many textbooks to read for my classes,” said Jeremy Ramirez, a freshman art history major.

“I didn’t know we had databases but I am sure I will need to use them in the future if I have to write any papers for my harder classes but right now I’m just taking general GE courses,” he said.

According to Kendall, the King Library has 87,754 electronic books and 1.3 million print books.

“Students should take advantage of all the books we have, especially the electronic books,” Kendall said. “The use of electronic books is really skyrocketing versus regular books and professors are starting to assign students e-books rather than printed books.”

Some students find out about e-books through their professors assigning them as required reading material for their classes.

“Yeah, I use an electronic book for my child development class and I have no problem with it, I just take notes as I go,” said Amy Bains, a junior management information systems major.

“We have such a rich resource in our electronic databases and in print form on site,” said Kendall. “We are extremely competitive with the collection of the databases and we want more all the time. This past year we spent more than a million dollars on the databases.”

The databases have peer-reviewed journals, scholarly articles, newspaper articles and magazine articles.

“We put together a subject guide to every single educational department here at SJSU and I would say most databases are updated weekly,” said Kendall.

## Apple iPad 2 now available for checkout

by Danreb Victorio

Staff Writer

Apple’s iPad 2 is now available for student checkout at the King Library.

According to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Student Computing Services Center website, 26 iPads, in addition to 94 laptops, are available to students and faculty and come equipped with an assortment of applications that students might find helpful.

“I didn’t know that,” said junior kinesiology major Warren Modesto. “I didn’t even know they let us borrow things like that.”

Students with a valid SJSU Tower Card can check out an iPad 2 for up to four hours at the Student Computing Services Center, located at the library’s Lower Level where they can also check out laptops.

“I rented one today,” said senior nursing major Alyssa Saquilayan. “I totally didn’t know what to do with it.”

Minh Nguyen, a senior mechanical engineering major who works in the Student Computing Services Center, said the number of students checking iPads out is consistently growing.

“I work around four to five hours a day,” Nguyen said. “I think I’ve lent about an average of seven iPads each shift.”

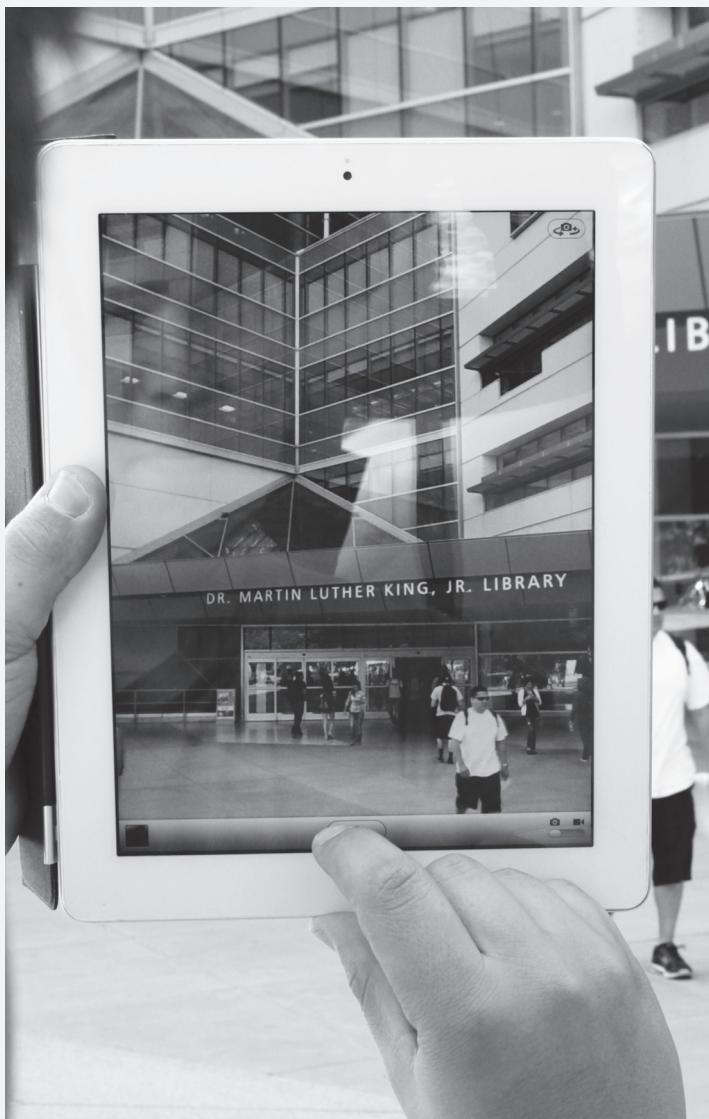
John Wenzler, associate dean for digital services at the King Library, said students are still finding different ways to use the iPad.

“It’s early in the process,” Wenzler said. “As most already know, computers do almost everything the iPad does, but we wanted to make it an option for students to figure out different ways to use the iPad as a tool for learning.”

Associate Dean Mary Nino echoed Wenzler’s statements and touched upon the future of technology.

“I think that computing is really moving towards tablets and the cloud rather than laptops and flash drives,” Nino said. “I figured we should be proactive in regards to these trends.”

The iPads come with more



Students can check out Apple iPad 2s as well as computers for free on the lower level of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Photo by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

than 15 applications that can be used as learning tools and to enhance web browsing. Aside from the regular apps like “Mail” and “Pictures,” the library’s iPads have useful tools such as Dictionary.com and Wolfram Alpha’s Statistics Visualizer.

For students who want to maximize their iPad experiences, users with their own Apple ID also have the option of downloading their own apps. Included apps with cloud technology include Spotify, a cloud music app, and Dropbox, an increasingly popular app that works as a personal file-sharing system.

“I like the option (of downloading any app),” said junior accounting major Marvin Bautista. “It makes me feel like it gives us more freedom and really makes the iPad more enjoyable.”

Users who check an iPad out are also encouraged to take a survey that checks to see what exactly the user did with the iPad.

“So far, it looks like most of the people who checked an iPad out used it to check their email,” Wenzler said. “There are other things to use it for, including accessing our library’s many database systems.”

SJSU’s connection with the San Jose Public Library has allowed SJSU’s database systems to be a powerful resource tool, and the library periodically holds workshops for students to learn how to use these tools.

“This is just one example of how to use the iPad as an educational tool,” Wenzler said. “We look forward to seeing what unique things students do with it.”

## Facebook adds feature, reduces email

Small change helps users connect to celebrities, bloggers

by Peter Fournier

Staff Writer

Facebook announced to its users via an email last Tuesday that it is turning off a most of its email notifications.

“We’re trying out a new feature to reduce the amount of email you receive from Facebook,” the social network stated via a mass email. “Starting today, we are turning off most individual email notifications and instead, we’ll send you a summary only if there are popular stories you may have missed.”

The Palo Alto-based Internet company also introduced, via its blog Wednesday, a feature that allows users to share and suggest status updates. The new features allow someone to follow another profile regardless if someone is actually fully connected to another user.

“The subscribe button also lets you hear from interesting people you’re not friends with — like journalists, artists and political figures,” the blog post stated. “If you see a subscribe button on your favor-

ite blogger’s profile, this means you can subscribe. Just click the button to get their public updates right in your news feed.”

Kunal Sharma, a senior mechanical engineering major, said he usually removes Facebook emails when he gets them.

“For me, personally, I delete all my Facebook email messages right away,” he said. “I think it’s not needed.”

Sharma said that with all of Facebook’s current features, such as tagging and pasting links, it has gotten away from its initial purpose.

“To be able to do that, yeah it’s fun, but when it first was made, it was intended for networking, not ‘Hey, I’m at the bar with my friend,’” he said.

The changes Facebook made will have little to no impact on the future of social media, said communication studies Lecturer Ted Coopman.

“This will likely have no impact on the development of social media and is really no different than a hundred other changes Facebook has made over the years,” he said.

Facebook will be just as powerful a force as MySpace until another social network overtakes it, Coopman said.

“Friendster did not keep up server load capacity so it

became hard to use,” he said. “MySpace was too complex and the pages too busy and hard to navigate and wide open to anyone, so when the exclusivity of Facebook (recall it was only for select universities at first) and a cleaner and honestly a more simplistic, standardized and limited design came along, it became the top dog.”

Coopman said that Facebook is trying to see how much it can push its users to participate in its social network.

“Right now, there is considerable cultural and social coercion to participate in social media in general and Facebook in particular,” he said. “One bad move or the rise of another, better, cooler, option and Facebook could be reduced to a footnote in internet history.”

Freshman psychology major Mike Struck said he likes the fact that email notifications won’t be as frequent.

“I definitely think that’d be better so it doesn’t spam your email as much,” he said.

Struck said he thinks the social network is starting to spring up everywhere, and it’s becoming too much.

“It’s good because most people check their Facebook more than once or twice a day,” he said.

### ■ COMMENTARY

## Are early adopters still using Google Plus?

by Jackson Wright

Staff Writer

For what seemed like two weeks over the summer of 2011, Google Plus was the hottest topic of discussion.

Many of my friends were intrigued by the newness of the site, and wanted to get an invite, but it seemed that our social circle was too far from the reach of the Menlo Park giant.

Slowly the buzz surrounding the site died down, the invites had taken too long, and people fell backwards into old habits with Facebook.

That is when I got the invitation to join Google Plus.

I have to admit that I was confused with what I saw. It looked pretty sparse — I had very few friends already on there, and it looked unfamiliar.

The point of the fun in social sites like Plus, is the interaction with people you actually know. I invited some friends out of the hundreds of suggestions that were lifted right from my Gmail account, but no one was biting.

For my social circle, Plus’s 15 minutes were up and no one was interested anymore. The invitations were coming too late.

Bime, a data firm based in France, conducted a pair of studies on usage of Plus through analyzing profile data from website findpeopleonplus.com. Bime

found in its first study that most users were male, located in the United States and were working in the tech industry.

Their second study, done two weeks after the first and after the invitation system was changed, doubled the user population from the first study, showing that it generally stayed the same, with American males dominating the sample size, but interestingly enough with students now outweighing tech workers.

These studies aren’t completely justifiable as the data from the source website is not complete, with Bime only having access to the public profile and not those that were private.

For my level of interaction with the site — that is, barely any at all — that statistic is a little hard to believe.

I personally am only connected to 13 people on Plus, but only two regularly post. When-

ever I sign in I’m bored by the lack of anything new.

However, popularity and usage aside, Plus does have a few interesting features. Circles, the way that you sort the people who you connect with initially, is especially innovative, having you place them in a specific group that can help you control what is visible to others.

“New social websites are highly appealing to me and the privacy settings are a little better than any other social Internet website out there,” said SJSU alumnus Jose Ortiz.

It seems to me no matter the features that it offers, Plus is just not a match for the familiarity and ease that other sites offer.

“Maintaining multiple social networking sites can be intimidating,” said Bobby Leiva, a senior radio, television and film major. “It’s just that I don’t need (Google Plus) because I have Facebook.”

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Spartan senior quarterback Matt Faulkner (#7) is hit by Nevada senior defensive lineman Brett Roy right after Faulkner lets a pass fly during SJSU's 17-14 loss Saturday. Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

# SJSU drops home opener after late-game comeback falls short

## Faulkner comes off bench, leads second-half charge

by Ron Gleeson  
Sports Editor

SJSU (0-3) found itself in the red zone with a chance to tie or take the lead with just over a minute remaining in Saturday's game against Nevada (1-1).

The team was at the tail end of a 13 play, 69-yard drive that ate up 4:53 of the game clock when it was faced with a third and eight situation.

Senior quarterback Matt Faulkner sent a ball into the northeast end zone corner for sophomore wide receiver Noel Grigsby to catch up to and snatch.

Unfortunately for the Spartans, however, Faulkner's pass was thrown just short and into the hands of Nevada cornerback Duke Williams for a Spartan turnover and a touchback for the Wolf Pack, sealing their 17-14 victory.

"I thought it was a touch-down when I let it go," Faulkner said about the play that virtually ended SJSU's chances that afternoon.

The narrow defeat marks the second week in a row the Spartans had a chance to take the lead in the fourth quarter.

"That's two weeks in a row our men have fought hard," said head coach Mike MacIntyre. "Our young men are battling and boxing and fighting, and they will not lay down. We'll rebound and find a way to start getting over the hump."

SJSU's loss to Nevada also marks only the third time in the last eleven years the Spartans have been defeated in their home opener.

Faulkner, who started the game on the bench despite clearing concussion tests on Thursday, became the offensive spark plug SJSU needed when he entered the game with 4:27 left in the third quarter.

In just over a full quarter of play, Faulkner generated 209 yards of offense in four possessions.

Among those 209 yards of offense was a 72-yard drive led by Faulkner and finished by senior Brandon Rutley with a one-yard touchdown run to bring the Spartans within a field goal of Nevada.

"I thought Matt did well," MacIntyre said. "He'd like to have one throw back of course, but I thought he did really well."

MacIntyre called the loss "depressing" in relation to the team's attitude in the locker room.

"We're so close, and we're getting so much better," he said. "Couple plays here and there, it's a different football game. That's the way it always is."

"My hat's off to Coach Ault and Nevada, he has a heck of a program. They've been beating us like a drum, and today I think we got a step closer in the right direction."

Stewart was having some troubles with his passing game during the second half, but did find the end zone on a 28-yard run to open scoring for the Spartans.

"Dasmen made some good runs and did some good things," MacIntyre said. "There were a couple plays there, we just need to do a better job of coaching him where to go with the football right now and we would've had a couple first downs on some third downs, and that's my fault."

Dasmen does a lot good things and he's just got to keep improving."

Stewart recognized his mistakes.

"I think I struggled a little bit today offensively," he said. "I was battling a bruise on my elbow, but it's no excuse. I still have to go out there and make plays. I was trying to regroup, get the offense going."

"I just have to keep pushing, keep fighting, and come back tomorrow strong getting ready for New Mexico State."

When asked whether there would be any quarterback competition this week in practice, MacIntyre responded simply with, "Yeah."

Faulkner, who finished 10 for 19 passing for 131 yards in little over a period of play, ignited the offense that had recorded just 52 yards through the first half of the game.

"We pressed it — we started moving the ball real well and just came up short," Faulkner said. "I went onto the field thinking I was going to score — it just doesn't happen every time the way you want it to. But at the same time I think we got some great confidence from it"



Senior quarterback Matt Faulkner (#7) drops back to pass during Saturday's game against Nevada. Faulkner passed for 131 yards, completing 10 of 19 passes after he came off the bench with 4:27 left in the third period. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

Wolf Pack junior running back Mike Ball was dominant on the ground for Nevada, recording 126 yards rushing on 29 carries — the majority of both coming in the first half.

The Spartan defense did a solid job in containing Ball the rest of the afternoon, holding the Wolf Pack to just over 100 yards for the entire second half.

"They got the best of us in the first half but we buckled down and played better in the second half," said senior safety Duke Ihenacho.

Following the "heartbreaking" loss, Faulkner said the offense needs to keep the upbeat and fast pace that it operated at during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game — mainly because of its ability to tire out the defense.

"Eventually when it comes down to the end of the game like it did today we're going to wear them out," he

said. "Seeing their face, they looked exhausted and I think it showed because they couldn't stop us."

### GAME DAY BY THE NUMBERS

- 131

Amount of yards on 10 of 19 passing for Matt Faulkner in just over a quarter of play.

- 203

Senior running back Brandon Rutley recorded 203 all-purpose yards, the second week in a row he eclipsed the 200 yard mark.

- 103

Total yardage SJSU held Nevada to for the entire second half, compared to the 270 the defense allowed in the first half.

- 8-3

The loss for SJSU marks only the third loss in its last 11 home opening games.

- 4

Season-high four takeaways for the SJSU defense: two fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

“I thought it was a touchdown when I let it go.”

— Matt Faulkner, senior quarterback

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# Food social brings in independent food vendors and hungry attendees

by Jeffrey Ciani

Staff Writer

Food vendors and foodies alike came out to the second gathering of Food Social, a edible networking gathering for the public and new vendors, at San Jose’s Motif Lounge on Friday night.

Created by three friends, Robert Feng, Ryan Agabao and Reis Hood, Food Social is designed for vendors new to the street food scene and looking to get their names out and build a customer following.

“We call ourselves the food community incubator, there is definitely a need in San Jose — our concept shows the back end of trying to come up and trying to get established,” said Food Social founder Robert Feng.

Feng explained how his discovery of halal cuisine on a trip to New York, inspired him to get into something that he wasn’t seeing in the Bay Area.

“The food is great,” he said. “I fell in love with it and came back here and decided, ‘Go for it.’”

According to Feng, the food cart he owns with his friends, Halal Halal, has given them lessons on what it takes to be successful in the street food culture — lessons, Feng said

he hopes to share with the up-and-comers at Food Social.

The variety of new vendors at Food Social on Friday evening ranged from carnitas tacos with red onions and oranges to Vietnamese barbecued chicken, spicy crab wontons to Indian vegetable fritters and even bacon-wrapped mochi.

Linda Lo of Simply Mochi said a trip to Japan’s subway stations introduced her to the “little bites of happiness” called mochi.

Based in San Francisco originally, Lo said the guys of Food Social encouraged her to come to San Jose to broaden her customer base.

While Lo described mochi as traditionally being sweet, customers had asked for a savory flavor — Lo returned with bacon-wrapped mochi.

A soft, gooey rice cake, wrapped in crispy, salty bacon made for a surprisingly tasty street food.

Also new to the foodie scene was Scratch Productions Cafe and Catering, offering up a twist on street tacos with pulled carnitas, pickled red onions and mandarin oranges.

Tom Sheridan, Scratch Productions owner, executive chef and a SJSU alumnus, said his accounting career didn’t bring nearly as much happiness as



Street food vendors and food enthusiasts alike get together for the second annual Food Social at Motif Lounge in San Jose. Foods included wonton pizzas and cheeseburgers, Indian food, street tacos and Vietnamese barbecue. Photo by Jeffrey Ciani / Spartan Daily



Scratch Productions makes its carnitas tacos with pickled red onions and mandarin oranges. Photo by Jeffrey Ciani / Spartan Daily

cooking did for him.

“The only time I was ever happy was once I finally got home and started making dinner — I changed my career, quit my job, and this is where I am at now,” he said.

Mixing cuisines to create different flavors, Sheridan describes Scratch Productions’ food as globally inspired California cuisine, featuring items such as chocolate banana empanadas.



Simply Mochi offers a twist on the sweet rice cake with its savory bacon-wrapped mochi. Photo by Jeffrey Ciani / Spartan Daily

Offering a twist on old classes, Joel Ocampo and his friends, Chris and Eldridge, had the idea to bring new flavors to the traditional wonton.

Ocampo says their company, Won of a Kind, serves traditional bites such as crab with sweet chili sauce, in addition to a cheeseburger and a pizza wonton.

Cleverly named bites such as the SituaTon, an updated pizza roll, with sausage and

pesto aioli, as well as the SebasTon, a creamy crab filled wonton, were huge hits at the previous Food Social, where Ocampo said they sold out of their wontons.

Inspired by his family’s large Vietnamese dinners, Peter Ly said his food tent, Bombzies BBQ, is a continuation of being a lifetime foodie.

“I always helped my mother in the kitchen since I was little,” Ly said, describing dinners

as daylong events. “Bombzies is just bringing my experience of Vietnamese cuisine to the masses.”

Bombzies’ most popular item for the evening was Vietnamese barbecued chicken over soba garlic noodles.

With food trucks becoming the new rage, Food Social and their vendors should be a welcome addition to downtown San Jose’s growing edible culture.

# South Bay poets gather at bookstore for poetry session

## Steven’s Creek Barnes & Noble brings in interested listeners for Poet Laureate’s Favorite Poem Project

by Chris Marian

Staff Writer

On Sunday a small crowd of just over 50 people gathered inside the Stevens Creek Barnes & Noble bookstore to kick off the Santa Clara County Poet Laureate’s Favorite Poem Project.

The poet laureate herself, Sally Ashton, was there that afternoon to host the event inside the bookstore.

Squeezed between rows of shelves in the bustling bookstore, a dozen people, some poets, some not, went before the seated audience to read aloud passages from what they considered their favorite poems.

The Favorite Poem project, hosted by Ashton, was a cooperative venture between the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Poetry Center of San Jose and Barnes & Noble, which provided space for the gathering, said Ashton.

The bookstore was not closed for the event, and speakers often struggled to speak over the store’s public address system, chattering employees, and the clank and hiss of the in-house coffee shop.

Speakers read poetry from some well-known poets such as William Butler Yeats and Percy Bysshe Shelly, as well as from poets such as Linda Pastan, Nigar Hanim and Billy Collins.

The speakers themselves were as varied as their selections.

Several of the speakers were simply ordinary citizens with a penchant for poetry, including Frances Roberts, Vicki Harvey, Kara Arguello, Marilyn Manzo, Pushpa MacFarlane, and SJSU English Professor Jonathan Lovell.

There were several poets, including Parthenia Hicks, Erica Goss, Nils Peterson and Dennis Noren, San Jose Mercury News reporter Sal Pizarro, and even Jason Baker, the mayor of Campbell.

“The truth is that a lot of people get caught

up in our own small worlds,” said Baker. “Poetry can serve as a reminder of the world outside. It’s a reminder of things that we don’t get to see and experience on a daily basis.”

Pizarro read “The Second Coming,” by Yeats, and commented on how refreshing and different it was to employ spoken language instead of the purely written media he was so familiar with.

Reading before a small group of actual people could be a vastly different experience than writing or blogging for the masses, creating an entirely different and deeply powerful sense of human connection, said Nils Peterson, the former poet laureate of Santa Clara County.

He compared it to losing one’s poetic virginity.

Poet and English instructor Erica Goss said she was both surprised and pleased by the turnout for the reading.

“I am so amazed — every chair is full,” she said as the audience filled up the small area set aside for the reading.

Sally Ashton said she was highly pleased by the day’s turnout, hanging around the bookstore after the reading, speaking amicably with audience members and fellow poets.

Ashton said she sees her role as poet laureate as that of an ambassador and advocate for poetry and the arts in Santa Clara Country.

According to Ashton, events like these are essential in developing a community’s poetic and artistic identity, and allowing its artistic talent to manifest and flourish.

Ashton believes that using events like these to nourish the arts in local communities can have other indirect, but still tangible, benefits.

“You can actually monetize the value the arts have to a community,” she said.

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# Overprotective parents are taking it too far



By Jaimie Collins

When I was a child, the biggest invasion of privacy I had to worry about was my mother finding and reading my diary. But in a time when children as young as 6 have cell-phones and every preteen has a Facebook page, the intrusion of parents into their children’s lives has multiplied tenfold. In recent years, our society has been seeing a trend in which parents go to impossible lengths in order to ensure they know what their children are up to, according to an article by

the Washington Post. From GPS tracking devices to computer spyware and home drug tests, companies are coming up with new and creative ways for guardians to spy on their little ones. And, in an age of increased violence and danger for children from predators, the parents are gobbling it up like candy. The entire situation makes me sad, not only because it seems unfair to the children, but also because these parents can’t trust their children. Sure, when I was 16, I was

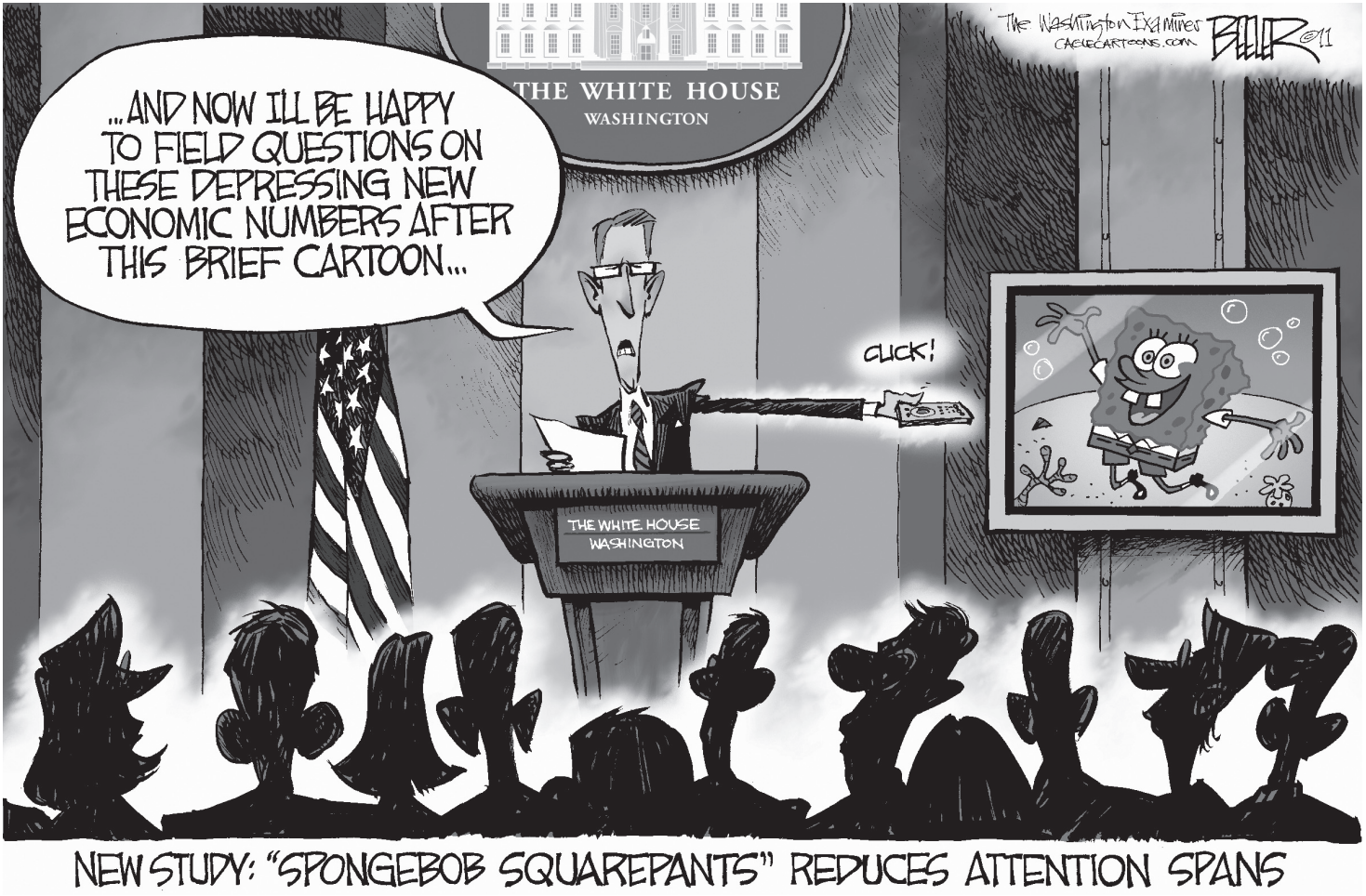
off doing things that would have made my mother furious, but isn’t that the point of being a teenager? You rebel, you do some stuff you aren’t supposed to, and in the end, you come out knowing a little more about who you are. My mom still trusted that she taught me well enough to not do things that would get me in trouble and to generally stay safe. It can be argued that since children are still legally

under their guardians’ care, they should only have as much freedom as their parents choose to give them. The way I see it, however, spying on children is still an invasion of privacy. Just because they’re young doesn’t mean they don’t have the right to confidentiality. Instead of installing GPS trackers in teenagers’ phones and hacking their email accounts, parents should be making an active

effort to get to know their children, be upfront with them concerning rules and work to gain respect from them. If children don’t have respect for their parents, then they will continue to act out, no matter what device you slip into their backpacks. By creating a stronger, more honest and trustworthy relationship between parent and child, guardians can rest easy, knowing their offspring admire them enough to be up front about their whereabouts and actions. Moreover, spying on your children has a huge chance of backfiring, creating distrust and possibly ruining a relationship. Every situation has its exceptions, however, and if a child is exhibiting suspicious behavior, then a parent should probably keep one eye on him or her just in case. It is a different matter completely if a child has done nothing wrong and the parent is monitoring them solely out

of paranoia. There is a difference between protecting your child and stalking them. As parents hover over their children, the kids become less and less independent, resulting in them making decisions and choices based on what they think their parents would say. Now, I am not a parent, so I can’t even begin to imagine how it may feel to not know where your child is or what they may be doing. But the experiences children have on their own as they grow can shape the adults they will become. If you hinder and obstruct that growth, a child could very likely not reach their full potential, all because they never experienced what it was to be free and make their own decisions without scrutiny. Parents who stalk their kids need to take a long, hard look and decide whether the situation they have gotten themselves into is one that makes them proud. Is tracking your child’s every move helping the situation or just making it worse?

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10. Trim  
14. Maldives locale  
15. \_\_\_\_ Gay (WWII plane)  
16. Dry as a bone  
17. Film featuring microscopic people  
20. Exclamation of mild disapproval  
21. In-of link  
22. Prohibit  
23. Concerning, in memos  
25. \_\_\_\_-free (travelers' delight)  
27. "And I could go on ..."  
30. Advice from a pro  
32. It may be stored in a blood bank  
36. Atlas expands  
38. Gas for the theater district  
40. In the lead  
41. 1975 science fiction adventure film  
44. Poet's muse  
45. Heroic narrative  
46. Football stadium's shape  
47. Kind of son or American  
49. Wrack's partner  
51. Viewing organ  
52. Glacial snow field  
54. Use the overhead compartment  
56. "Tain't" retort  
59. Twice-a-month tide  
61. Lists of candidates  
65. Fairy-tale setting  
68. Libertine  
69. Ginza locale  
70. Father of Art Deco  
71. \_\_\_\_ 500 (driving event)  
72. Scornful expression  
73. NFL center's responsibility

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1. President and Supreme Court justice  
2. Jacob's twin  
3. Never-used condition  
4. "Lady Marmalade" singer  
5. Fix a pearl necklace  
6. Hill dweller  
7. Cobra's shape  
8. Spanish hero  
9. Prepare for a rainy day  
10. Working capital?  
11. Damascus resident  
12. Latvian capital  
13. Idyllic garden  
18. Jemima or Bee  
19. Wanted felon  
24. Olympic weapons  
26. Search engine giant  
27. Ruhr industrial center  
28. Colorful tropical fish  
29. Gem measure  
31. Aid in finding the Titanic

33. Begin a tennis match  
34. Southeast Asian peninsula  
35. Confuse  
37. Evening gown fabric  
39. Drink with wine, lemon and nutmeg  
42. Catholic prayer recitation  
43. Is in a state of expectancy  
48. Happenings  
50. \_\_\_\_ contendere  
53. Use, as china  
55. Goods for sale  
56. "Desperate Housewives" actress Hatcher  
57. Privy to  
58. Desert War missile  
60. Small lapdog  
62. Slender-billed sea bird  
63. "Como \_\_\_\_ usted?"  
64. Folk-dance component  
66. Attention-getting shout  
67. Do a beautician's job

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# Everyone has their own work process



By  
Jeremy  
Infusino

I'm sitting here at my computer and it's 1:02 a.m. on Monday morning.

I just had a fairly good weekend but now it's back to the grindstone.

In my head I am already planning out what I need to do this week and what can wait to be done at a later time.

More than likely as the week progresses I will have more things on my plate, but that's just the way things go and something that we all must deal with.

This is the time when I must forge ahead even though I would much rather be watching the series finale of Entourage online.

I'm not paying \$30 more a month to get HBO when I can watch it online for free. Come on Comcast, give a college student a discount or something.

Anyway, it is at this time

of the night, or early morning if you really want to get specific, that I find myself most productive.

My window is open and I can hear the occasional car and late night drunk, neither of which is going to distract me for more than 30 seconds.

Well, maybe a minute if the drunk is in a singing mood and can carry a tune.

Right now, at least for me, there are less distractions than there were four hours ago so I purposely wait until this time of night to get my work done. Some of my friends say to me why don't you just get your work done earlier that way you can get some sleep at a normal hour and not be tired the whole next day.

That works for some people but it doesn't work for me. I can't work with chaos going on around me.

What works for me doesn't work for everyone, I know that, but people should figure out what works for them and run with it.

Who says there has to be a universal way about doing things?

We all have things we

need to get done that we really don't want to do, but the fact of the matter is that we are eventually going to have to do them.

I'll admit that I am very good at waiting to the last minute to do almost everything.

If I have a paper due Thursday you can bet that Wednesday night I'm going to be up late cranking out that bad boy.

If you tried to place a bet on that at Caesar's Palace or any other casino in Vegas they wouldn't even entertain the thought of setting odds on that proposition.

That's just the way I work. I can't help it.

If you can get something done by the time it needs to be finished and what you get done is good, don't mess with the process.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

On the other hand, if you're pulling an all-nighter and the work that you need to get done is something easy, like filling out a survey — you need to find a new different process.

“What works for me doesn't work for everyone, I know that, but people should figure out what works for them and run with it.”

# Fond memories in light of recent tragedies



By  
Jackson  
Wright

One of my earliest great memories was a trip that I went on with my dad around when I was 6.

I had probably gone on a few big vacations that I remember well from before then, but to this day I remember this one in particularly good detail.

I was going on an airplane, not really understanding where, but excited that it was a cool thing with just my dad.

I remember a diner where we ate breakfast that had a lion on the kids meal and the straw that we had to walk on to the gates of the event area.

I remember the taste of barbecue, the loud roars of engines and sitting in the shadow of my dad in the bleachers, drawing pictures on scraps of paper and watching the planes racing by in

a picture that is now a permanent fixture in our living room. We dragged my mom to the Centennial of Flight Celebrations in Kitty Hawk, N.C. I've even flown a plane under super-

“Generally there are very few accidents, and the shock of these two in two days hit me strongly.”

a blur. It was my first visit to the Reno Air Races.

My dad has a love for airplanes of all kinds and would always take me and my siblings to airshows all around the country. We probably went to at least one or two a year, not counting all the extra aviation trips that weren't official air shows.

When I was 5, Chuck Yeager, the man who broke the sound barrier, held me and took

vision through the Young Eagles program.

We like to think we are related to the Wright brothers, but we probably aren't.

Airplanes are our sports. I was shocked when I heard about the crash at the Reno Air Races this weekend, when a vintage World War II plane used at the races lost control and crashed into the stands.

It truly was a catastrophic



# An ode to Andy Whitfield

Last semester I began watching a TV series called “Spartacus: Blood and Sand.”

It's a dramatization of the historical character of Spartacus and the first season revolved around his time as a gladiator in the arena before he began his rebellion against Rome.

I remember when I watched the first episode last semester it seemed nothing more than a bad knockoff of “300” with all the ridiculous blood and gore along with the gratuitous T&A.

But as I watched more of the series the show the story began to develop and it became more and more interesting.

The plot moved along with great pace with both intense action and emotional drama and it made for a great TV show.

But what I liked most about the series was Australian actor Andy Whitfield's role as the character Spartacus himself.

Though obviously a dramatization of Spartacus, I really enjoyed Whitfield's portrayal of him.

In the series, Spartacus is thrown into the gladiator rings after being imprisoned by the Romans for deserting their army after they chose not to protect his homeland of Thrace.

The Romans also take his wife to become a slave, which throws Spartacus into a rage that will not be quenched until he finds her again.



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For me, in an odd way, I found a kindred spirit in Whitfield's Spartacus portrayal.

Last semester, I went through a lot of drama and turmoil myself. I won't share too many details but it involved a combination of school, a girl and the memories of a deceased loved one that crept back into my psyche.

But everyday I would return to my dorm to watch Spartacus let out his rage in the arena and in return I was able to channel my own.

You see, I felt a likeness in some ways with Whitfield's character because he, too, was angry and full of pain because of the turmoil in his life.

To see his character fight tooth and nail to get back what he loved so much made me appreciate his character.

To me, Whitfield's Spartacus was more than just a character on a TV show — he was the personification of my demons being exorcised with each swing of his sword.

The series made me a big “Spartacus” and Andy Whitfield fan that semester and many of my friends who got into the series gravitated toward the series and his character, too.

There were no air show related deaths in the US in 2009 or 2010, so that provides a bit of comparison to the 13 in this year alone.

The planes that are flown at the Air Races are some of the best cared for and maintained in the country, mechanics working every day to keep them in the top of condition.

Air shows host more than 26 million people and more than 400 shows each year, more than twice the attendance of NFL games. They touch so many people, providing a great environment that is built on a rich culture and history.

These terrible crashes are tragic, but these events are not going to stop me from going to air shows with my family. It's so much a part of who I am that I don't believe I could stop if I wanted to.

We were all saddened though when we learned Whitfield would not be returning for the new season — he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a type of blood cancer a few months before filming the second season.

Last week, Whitfield passed away in the company of his family in his home of Australia. He was only 39.

It was sad news to hear for me and my friends.

I was surprised to see the amount of people online who were also saddened by this by various postings I saw on Facebook, YouTube and other forums.

It showed how much Whitfield's character appealed to fans and viewers like myself and how we were all going to miss him.

It's sad that the acting world lost such a promising young up-and-comer but his legacy and his portrayal of Spartacus will live on forever in us fans.

His character of Spartacus helped me cope with a difficult time in my life and though it seems silly to say this I will always be grateful to Whitfield for the work he did as Spartacus because of how it helped me get through last semester.

He was a champion of the arena in the show and he was a champion in life and he will be sorely missed by myself and fans alike.





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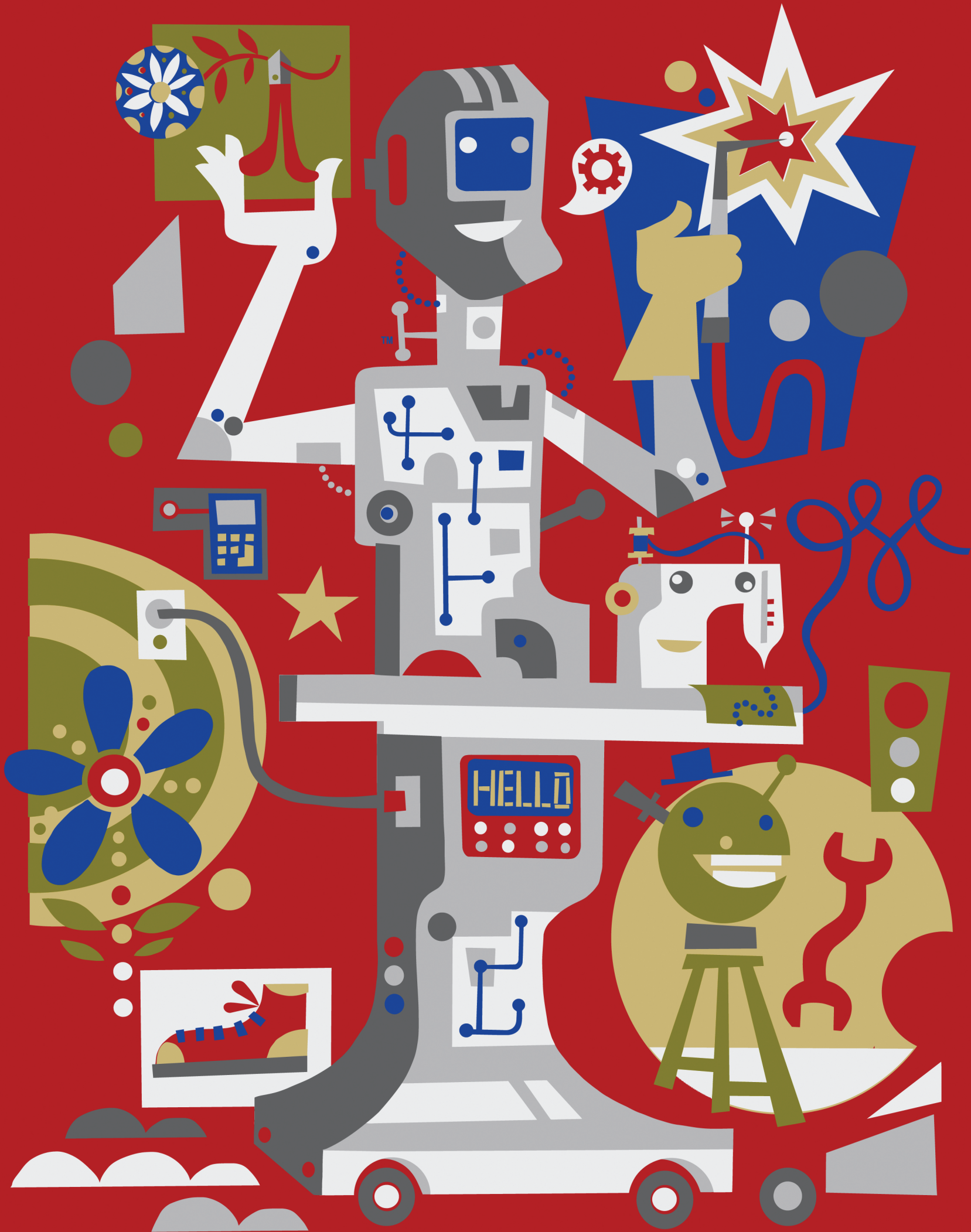
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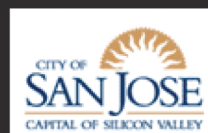


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